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TITLE: RING FILTER ELEMENT FOR A LIQUID FILTER

AMENDMENT IN RESPONSE TO FIRST OFFICE ACTION

MAIL STOP AMENDMENT  
Honorable Commissioner of Patents  
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Dear Sir:

In response to the First Office Action dated  
September 21, 2006, please amend the above-identified patent  
application as follows:

**Amendments to the Claims** begin on Page 2 of this document.

**Remarks** begin on Page 7 of this document.